

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

SEVENTH SESSION

—OF THE—

GRAND LODGE, A.O.U.W.

OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.



Held at Nanaimo, B. C., March 9th and 10th,

✠ 1898. ✠

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FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Grand Master Workman A. E. Woods called the Grand Lodge to order at 10 A.M.

Officers present :

J. E. Church	Past Grand Master Workman.
A. E. Woods	Grand Master Workman.
.....	Grand Foreman.
.....	Grand Overseer.
J. T. McIlmoyl	Grand Recorder.
R. T. Williams	Grand Reciver.
W. A. De Wolf Smith	Grand Medical Examiner.
George Adams	} Grand Trustees.
J. E. Church	
J. E. Church	} Committee on Finance.
A. Stewart	
J. Hilbert	} Committee on Laws.
A. M. Bullock	
D. C. Webber	} P. G. M. W.
F. L. Budlong	

The Grand Master Workman made the following appointments :

A. Stewart.....Grand Foreman, *pro tem*.
 J. Mackay.....Grand Overseer, *pro tem*.
 R. H. Baker.....Grand Guide.
 J. Blaney.....Grand Inside Watchman.
 C. Steers.....Grand Outside Watchman.
 F. L. Budlong, on the Committee on Laws in place of H. Hoy, who
 was absent.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

George Adams, F. L. Budlong, H. E. Langis.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to allow the Committee on Credentials to prepare their report.

The Grand Lodge resumed business at 1 P.M., when the Committee on Credentials presented the following report :

Document No. 1.

To the Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., of British Columbia :

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report the following named Brethren duly elected representatives of this Grand Lodge :

(Signed) GEORGE ADAMS,
 F. L. BUDLONG,
 H. E. LANGIS.

C. Steers,	H. E. Langis,	R. H. Baker,
Marshall Sinclair,	J. Hilbert,	H. McAddie,
Wm. Scowcroft,	Rev. C. Bryant,	J. Critchley,
T. H. Trahey,	D. Goldberg,	F. J. Squire,
R. G. Fetherston,	Thos. Sharp,	T. W. Kerr,
John Blaney,	A. J. Mackay,	C. A. S. Atwood.

On motion the Report of the Committee on Credentials was adopted and the Committee instructed to introduce the Candidates for the Grand Lodge Degree. The Committee returned and presented the following Representatives :

W. Scowcroft,	M. Sinclair,	R. D. Fetherston,
J. Blaney,	D. Goldberg,	C. A. S. Atwood,
Thos. Sharp.		

The Grand Lodge Degree was then conferred on the above named Representatives by Grand Master Workman A. E. Woods, assisted by Past Grand Master Workman J. E. Church.

The Grand Master Workman announced the following Committees

COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

H. E. Langis, D. Goldberg, Thos. Sharp.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

E. J. Salmon, C. Bryant, R. D. Fetherston.

COMMITTEE ON GOOD OF THE ORDER.

J. E. Phillips, T. W. Kerr, A. J. Mackay.

The roll of Officers and Representatives was then called :

J. E. Church	Past Grand Master Workman.
A. E. Woods	Grand Master Workman.
E. J. Salmon	Grand Foreman.
J. E. Phillips	Grand Overseer.
J. T. McIlmoyl	Grand Recorder.
R. T. Williams	Grand Receiver.
W. A. De Wolf Smith	Grand Medical Examiner.
R. H. Baker	Grand Guide.
J. Blaney	Grand Inside Watchman.
C. Steers	Grand Outside Watchman.
George Adams	} Grand Trustees.
J. E. Church	

SUPREME LODGE REPRESENTATIVES.

J. E. Church, J. T. McIlmoyl.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

J. E. Church, A. Stewart, J. Hilbert.

COMMITTEE ON LAWS.

F. L. Budlong, A. M. Bullock, D. C. Webber.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Victoria Lodge No. 1	Charles Steers.
Granville " 2	H. E. Langis.
Fraser " 3	R. H. Baker, Marshall Sinclair.
Nanaimo " 4	J. Hilbert, H. McAddie.
Vancouver " 5	{ Wm. Scowcroft, Rev. C. Bryant, James Critchley.
Western Star " 7	T. H. Trahey.
Trail " 9	D. Goldberg.
Nelson " 10	F. J. Squire.
Perseverance " 11	R. D. Fetherston, Thos. Sharp.

Delta	"	12.....	T. W. Kerr.
Maple Leaf	"	17.....	John Blaney.
Enderby	"	18.....	A. J. Mackay.
Kelowna	"	19.....	C. A. S. Atwood.

The Report of the Grand Master Workman was received, read, and upon motion by G. Adams, seconded by A. Stewart, was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The Reports of the Grand Recorder, Grand Receiver, Grand Medical Examiner, Committee on Finance and Supreme Lodge Representatives were received and referred to the Committee on Distribution.



REPORT OF GRAND MASTER WORKMAN.

NANAIMO, B. C.,
March 9th, 1898.

*To the Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of B. C.,
A. O. U. W.:*

BROTHERS:—It affords me great pleasure to extend to you all a hearty and fraternal welcome on this the occasion of our Seventh Annual Session, and in obedience to the requirements of our Constitution I have the honor to submit for your approval and information a detailed statement of my official acts for the term ending with this session.

The year that has just passed has been one of the most important in the history of our jurisdiction, radical and far reaching legislation enacted at the last session of our Grand Lodge has made the year one of anxiety and care, probably one of the most fruitful sources of anxiety was the misunderstanding, and I am sorry to add misrepresentation, of the nature and effect of the Classified Assessment plan adopted at the last session of this Grand Lodge. I am pleased to be able to tell you, however, that as our membership informs themselves more fully as to the nature and effect of this plan they are becoming better satisfied with it, and now but very little objection is heard, and as a general thing our membership are supporting the action of the Grand Lodge in adopting the Classified Assessment plan at our last session.

Our death rate for the year that is past has been an exceptionally heavy one, but I am glad to be able to inform you that notwithstanding the heavy liabilities to be met, our financial position is sound, and we are able to pay all our death claims promptly and in full, and for this our thanks are due to the great fraternity with which we are bonded, for had we been alone it would seriously have embarrassed us to have paid all the claims upon us in the year that is past, but the beneficent effect of the Relief Law adopted by our Supreme Lodge, was exemplified in our jurisdiction, and we were granted relief to the extent of about \$10,000, which sum, owing to the justice and equity which abound in our Supreme Lodge Relief Board was \$2,000 more than we at first claimed or considered we were entitled to. Considerable expense was incurred in sending the Grand Recorder to Chicago to explain our claims to the Relief Board, but I am sure you will all agree with me that the result has more than justified our action

Early in the year I divided the jurisdiction into districts and appointed the following as D. D. G. M. Workman :

Frank Bowser.....	Vancouver
M. McAddie.....	Nanaimo
A. Stewart.....	Victoria
J. J. Wilson.....	Port Haney
J. O. Clute, jr.....	East and West Kootenay

I also appointed Bro. Wm. Ragless as Grand Organizer for the jurisdiction on the same terms as he was employed by this Grand Lodge last year.

Shortly after the appointment of Bro. Clute as District Deputy I forwarded him all the papers and necessary instructions in the Dimsdale and Goldberg cases, and I am pleased to say I believe he was able to effect a satisfactory settlement in each instance.

I regret that I have found it impossible during my term of office to visit as many lodges as I desired, but the most of those visited I found in a fairly prosperous and flourishing condition, and those that were not so owed their condition principally to lack of individual effort. In some instances I found lodges condoning the offence of drunkenness, and carrying members who were habitual users of intoxicants to excess. In these instances I pointed out our laws dealing with such cases and advised the strict adherence.

Early in April a protest was lodged by the Recorder of Vancouver Lodge No. 5 against the payment by the Grand Lodge of the sum of \$51.40 to Wm. Ragless, to this I replied in effect that the action was that of the Grand Lodge in session, and I had no power to alter it.

Certain of our membership have been corresponding with the official organ of the Rebel Grand Lodge of Ontario, evidently with the intent to stir up in our midst a feeling of disloyalty to the Supreme Lodge. The knowledge of this action led me to communicate with G. M. W. Unitt of Ontario, desiring him to inform me as to the extent of such correspondence, and his reply assured me that for the present Ontario was quite content to mind her own business, and was not inviting the amalgamation of any other Canadian jurisdiction, at the same time admitting that considerable correspondence had come from individuals in this jurisdiction calculated to that end.

Owing to the temporary absence from the jurisdiction of the Grand Medical Examiner, on August 23rd last I appointed Bro. Dr. R. E. Walker Grand Medical Examiner *pro tem*.

Our jurisdiction has been favored by a visit from Supreme Lecturer and Past Supreme Master Workman Bro. J. G. Tate. I regret that

owing to the short time he was allowed to be with us, that it was impossible to have him speak to all the lodges in the jurisdiction. However, he has done good work, which it remains for each member of the Order to make permanent by a strong effort to increase our membership.

The time of Bro. Tate's visit was inopportune, coming as it did in our most inclement season, and, realizing that his success was to a considerable extent hampered by this cause, I have written the Supreme Master Workman Bro. Robson, expressing our satisfaction with Bro. Tate and his efforts, and asking if it is possible that he be permitted to spend his holidays in B. C. and be with us again in August, September or October of this year.

A committee was formed at the close of last session to arrange for the publication of a fraternal paper in this jurisdiction. Investigation by this committee has shown that the publication of a paper was too expensive an undertaking for this Grand Lodge to assume just at this time, and the matter was accordingly dropped.

NEW LODGES.

On July 23rd last, Grand Organizer Bro. Ragless instituted Nelson Lodge No. 10 at Nelson, B. C., with 22 charter members.

Bro. Ragless resigned the position of Grand Organizer on October 3rd last, and since that time the position has been vacant.

Few, if any, of the Grand Master Workmen who hold office, however much they would desire to do so, are unable to spend the time that should be spent visiting and instructing the several lodges throughout the jurisdiction and the neglect of this is in my opinion very detrimental to the interests of our Order. I think for that reason it is advisable for this Grand Lodge to secure the services of a first-class man and place him permanently in the field in the interests of our Order in the province.

EDWIN FIELD CASE.

In December last suit was brought against the Order by one of the beneficiaries of the late Bro. Edwin Field. This was a case where the member prior to his decease, desired to change his beneficiaries, and on the proper form being complied with a new certificate was issued, leaving the former beneficiary \$500.00 less than provided for in the first certificate. This they refused to accept, claiming the full \$2,000, hence the suit. Acting under advice the Grand Lodge will pay the money into court, leaving the parties to the issue to come to such settlement as the court shall decide.

CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES.

Permission was granted to Sullivan Lodge No. 6 to consolidate with Vancouver Lodge No. 5, and on November 26 last the consolidation was effected, by mutual agreement, the consolidated lodges to be known as Vancouver Lodge No 5.

DECISIONS.

March 20th, 1897.—From Fraser Lodge No. 3, two brothers granted Clearance Cards, both became members of other lodges in the jurisdiction.

Query.—What assessments or liabilities are due this lodge by the above brothers. They paid dues in advance for two months; also assessment for the month of February. Should assessment notices be sent the respective lodges of which they are now members, of the assessments they would have been liable for had they remained members of this lodge, and if not will the lodge be liable for such assessments. Above Clearance Cards were granted by the Recorder without the authority or knowledge of the lodge.

Answer.—The first requisite in granting a Clearance Card from one lodge to another is that all pending dues and assessments be paid to the date of granting such case. The card is then granted and the member continues to pay assessments to the lodge granting the card until such time as the card is deposited in another lodge, *i. e.*, there is no transfer of membership until the deposit of said card. After the deposit of the card the Grand Recorder is notified, and thereafter the member pays his assessments through the channel of the lodge in which the card has been deposited. This ruling is not changed in the case of a new lodge, and even if the new members admitted are not liable for assessments the member entering by card is liable and should pay his assessments through the new lodge. You could not assess members in advance on any prospectus of assessments needed, as you would have no authority to do so, but you collect the assessments in the regular way through the lodge to which they have entered. There is only one way in which a Clearance Card can be issued, and that is provided by law. Clearance Cards can only be granted by a vote of the lodge. This clearly makes it necessary for your lodge to take immediate steps to legalize the cards granted by your Recorder without the consent or knowledge of the lodge. I would suggest that a resolution, citing the facts and ratifying your action in issuing the cards, be adopted by your lodge and spread upon its minutes.

January 5, 1893.—From the Recorder of Granville Lodge No. 2.

1st.—Is a regular election for officers of a lodge held on a meeting night, after the regular meeting night in December, without a legal excuse therefor a legal election?

2nd.—Is an officer declared to be elected by the Master Workman who has not been balloted for, a legally elected officer?

3rd.—What would be a legal excuse for holding an election after the last meeting in December?

Answer.—1st. If a subordinate lodge has not held an election at the time specified by the Constitution, and does hold such election at a subsequent meeting, I am of the opinion that such election is legal, our laws are silent about this point, but common usage has been that if for any cause the election was not held at the time it should have been, that if held as soon after as possible that such election was proper and legal.

2nd.—The Supreme Lodge Digest, page 113, declares that a ballot is not necessary when only one candidate is in nomination, and that the Master Workman may declare him elected by consent.

3rd.—A legal excuse for holding an election subsequent to the time appointed by law for such would be the fact that such election was not held at the time it should have been our laws do not contemplate that because an election was not held as and at the time appointed by law that there shall not be any election.

DISPENSATIONS.

November 15th, 1897.—Maple Leaf Lodge No. 17, applied for a dispensation to hold a regular meeting on Friday, January 7th, 1898.

A dispensation was granted for the purpose of installing the officers for the ensuing term.

OFFICIAL CIRCULARS.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER WORKMAN,
NEW WESTMINSTER, April, 1897.

*To the Subordinate Lodges of the Ancient Order of United Workmen
of British Columbia:*

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR NO. 1.

Your attention is drawn to the amendment to Beneficiary Rule 13, passed by the Grand Lodge at its last session, and which will be operative on and after the 1st day of July, 1897, whereby the plan of assessment is changed from the level assessment of one dollar upon each member to the following classified plan:

While between the ages of 18 to 24 inclusive...	\$1000, \$	.60;	\$2000, \$	1.20
" " " 25 to 29 " ... "		.65;	"	1.30
" " " 30 to 34 " ... "		.72;	"	1.44
" " " 35 to 39 " ... "		.83;	"	1.66
" " " 40 to 44 " ... "		1.01;	"	2.00
" " " 45 to 49 " ... "		1.31;	"	2.62
" " " 50 and over		1.78;	"	3.56

It will therefore be necessary for the financiers of subordinate lodges to classify their members according to the above plan prior to the 1st of July, 1897.

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, ANCIENT ORDER UNITED
WORKMEN.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER WORKMAN,
NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Jan. 19, 1898.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR NO. 2.

*To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Lodges, A. O. U. W.,
of B. C.:*

GREETING:

I have the pleasure in announcing that the Supreme Lecturer, Bro. J. G. Tate, will visit this jurisdiction officially for ten days, commencing February 3rd.

He will address public lodge meetings at the following places and on these dates:

February 3rd and 4th	Victoria
February 5th	Nanaimo
February 6th.....	Preach special sermon to Workmen in Vancouver
February 7th and 8th.....	Vancouver
February 9th and 10th.....	New Westminster
February 11th.....	Ladner's

I trust the members of our Order will avail themselves of this opportunity of hearing Brother Tate, who is a peerless orator, and I would suggest the advisability of lodges elsewhere located to make up parties and be present at one of the places when he is to speak.

Brother Tate is a regularly ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church, English born, and has been a resident of America for some fifteen years. During that time he has taken a very active interest in our Order. He has held office as Grand Master Workman of Nebraska for four consecutive years, from 1893 to 1897. In the Supreme Lodge he has held the

office of Supreme Overseer, Supreme Foreman, and in 1896 was advanced to the honorable position of Supreme Master Workman, which office he filled to the satisfaction of the entire Order.

In 1897 the services of Brother Tate were secured as Supreme Lecturer, and he has met with great success in each jurisdiction he has visited. He comes to us from the jurisdiction of Oregon.

I beg to urge upon all true Workmen the necessity of their earnest co-operation with the work of Brother Tate that the result may be a large increase in the membership of this jurisdiction.

A. E. WOODS,

Grand Master Workman.

SUGGESTIONS.

I trust that this Grand Lodge will again take up the question of the circulation of an official paper in this jurisdiction. If it be found too expensive an undertaking, possibly an arrangement could be entered into with one of our neighboring jurisdictions, who publish a paper in the interests of the Order to publish a British Columbia edition, which would cost probably very little extra over the ordinary subscription rates.

I beg that the Grand Lodge will consider the advisability of changing the date of our annual session. I am of the opinion that a later date would be preferable.

The Klondike gold excitement has added another element of risk in the issuance of Beneficiary Certificates and it may be advisable for you to enact such legislation that will prevent the issuance of certificates to applicants who intend incurring the risk of travel in that country.

CONCLUSION.

I cannot bring this report to a close without expressing in this public manner my sincere thanks to my associate officers and members of Grand Lodge Committees. This is particularly true of the Grand Recorder, who has at all times been ready to aid me in the discharge of my duties. His great experience in the work of the Order has made him a valuable counsellor in the year now closing. I am also under great obligation to P. G. M. W. Church, who as chairman of the Finance Committee has been a most valuable helper in carrying out the work of the Order. On every hand I have found a spirit of harmony and mutual helpfulness everywhere manifested by all the officers and committeemen with whom I have come in contact. Realizing the importance of my duties I have sought the advice and counsel of my brothers in every time of doubt, and if I have been successful in avoiding the dangers

incident to the business of the year, it is because I have been advised and aided by those who gave me their helpful assistance.

And now brethren as we are about to enter upon the work of the session of 1898, let me entreat you to sacrifice all individual interests to the common good of the whole, so that the result of your deliberations may more closely draw the silken cords of home and fraternity that tend to bind us all into one grand brotherhood, whose work of philanthropy is worthy of your best effort.

I ask your charitable judgment on all my official actions, and praying God's blessing to rest upon our beloved Order I respectfully submit this report.

Fraternally yours, in C., H. and P.,

E. A. WOODS,

Grand Master Workman.



REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER.

To the Grand Master Workman, Officers and Brothers of the Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., of British Columbia:

BRETHREN:—In compliance with the Constitution, I have the honor to submit the annual report of this office, showing the business transacted for the fiscal year 1897.

The financial transactions are fully set forth in detail in the exhibits herewith, which shows a larger volume of business than any preceding year.

Beneficiary Fund	\$24,249 75
General Fund	1,897 64
Relief Fund	17 73
Gordon Fund	27 00

The number of deaths occurring in the last month of the series of 1896, viz. four, made it impossible to assess for the requisite amount in that year to settle the claims, thereby adding to the burden of the present year. During the series of 1897 there were fourteen deaths, and one occurring outside the jurisdiction in 1896, for which proof of death was not obtained until January, 1897, was carried over to the series of 1897, making a total of fifteen deaths.

Twenty level assessments was issued during the first six months, and six classified assessments was issued during the remaining six months of the year, still leaving four claims unprovided for.

Application was made to the Relief Board, and the Board, after adjusting the accounts of the Beneficiary Fund for the year, granted relief in the sum of \$9,767.77.

For the first six months of the year, working under the level assessment plan, there was 126 suspensions and 41 re-instatements; for the remaining six months, under the classified plan, suspensions 123, re-instatements 78.

During the year three new lodges have been organized—one at Rossland, another at Trail, and the third at Nelson.

On the 26th of November, Sullivan Lodge No. 6 amalgamated with Vancouver Lodge No. 5, the membership of the former being transferred to the latter.

The net increase in membership is small, for which several reasons might be assigned, the principal one being the unnatural and excessive death rate and consequent heavy assessments.

The following returns for January and February, 1898, are as follows:

BENEFICIARY FUND.

Balance on hand, January 1st.....	\$2,705 75
Collections from Assessments.....	3,370 16
Relief Board, on ac. of award....	2,000 00
	\$8,075 91
Disbursements	5,913 00
Balance on hand	\$2,162 91

GENERAL FUND.

Balance on hand, January 1st	\$170 26
Receipts.....	617 80
	\$788 06
Disbursements	578 55
Balance on hand.....	\$209 51

CONCLUSION.—Sincere thanks are hereby extended for repeated honors conferred and for confidence reposed.

My relations with the Grand Lodge officers and Finance Committee have been pleasant and agreeable.

For assistance rendered by the various subordinate lodge officers throughout the jurisdiction I return my hearty thanks.

Fraternally submitted in C., H. and P.,

J. T. McILMOYL,

Grand Recorder.

EXHIBIT A. BENEFICIARY FUND.

Itemized Statement of Receipts for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1897.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.
1..	Victoria	\$ 695 00	\$ 636 00	\$ 666 00	\$ 520 00	\$ 491 00
2..	Granville	188 00	204 00	184 00	147 00	144 00
3..	Fraser	300 00	292 00	292 00	205 00	219 00
5..	Nanaimo	340 00	328 00	324 00	240 00	234 00
5..	Vancouver	329 00	325 00	340 00	244 00	243 00
6..	Sullivan	160 00	156 00	156 00	125 00	114 00
7..	Western Star	138 00	136 00	136 00	102 00	102 00
8..	Rossland					
9..	Trail					
10..	Nelson					
11..	Perseverance	213 00	208 00	203 00	144 00	124 00
12..	Delta	96 00	96 00	92 00	69 00	79 00
13..	Leiser	60 00	60 00	56 00	42 00	42 00
14..	Cloverdale		16 00	16 00	12 00	12 00
16..	Vernon	60 00	52 00	52 00	39 00	39 00
17..	Maple Leaf	98 00	98 00	98 00	82 50	70 50
18..	Enderby	44 00	44 00	36 00	27 00	27 00
19..	Kelowna	32 00	32 00	32 00	24 00	24 00
	Grand Lodge	20 00	12 00	33 00	17 00	15 00
		\$2773 00	\$2695 00	\$2716 00	\$2039 50	\$1979 50

BENEFICIARY FUND—Continued.

June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
\$ 468 00	\$ 325 00	\$ 428 88	\$ 449 78	\$ 421 64	\$ 423 88	\$ 421 02	\$ 5946 20
147 00	150 00	122 00	126 74	137 18	116 64	132 16	1808 72
207 00	189 00	165 58	160 46	173 34	179 72	174 98	2558 08
231 00	228 00	206 34	207 46	200 32	211 50	198 80	2949 42
246 00	158 00	219 91	234 04	229 84	232 94	303 10	3104 83
111 00	102 00	82 64	80 62	98 34	82 64		1268 24
102 00	98 00	63 78	66 42	69 16	69 16	69 16	1151 68
.....	.....	.....	.....	63 08	43 18	60 16	166 42
.....	19 44	3 10	5 95	15 35	27 00	25 40	96 24
.....							
159 20	138 00	69 48	108 96	90 06	112 14	95 76	1665 60
72 00	72 00	53 80	53 80	58 92	58 92	53 36	854 80
42 00	42 00	29 82	29 82	29 82	29 82	29 82	493 10
12 00	12 00	14 24	14 25	14 25	14 25	14 25	151 24
39 00	35 00	27 54	27 54	27 54	27 54	27 54	454 70
69 00	54 00	48 25	46 88	40 00	40 05	40 00	785 18
27 00	27 00	19 06	19 06	19 06	19 06	19 06	327 30
24 00	24 00	15 24	16 44	19 16	20 60	20 60	284 04
18 00	9 00	14 10	9 22	14 76	12 12	9 76	183 96
\$1974 20	\$1683 44	\$1583 76	\$1657 44	\$1721 82	\$1731 16	\$1694 93	\$24249 75

EXHIBIT B. BENEFICIARY FUND.

Warrants drawn on Beneficiary Fund, 1897.

No. DEATH	No. BEN. CERTIFICATE	DATE OF PAYMENT.	WARR'T No.	TO WHOM PAID.	RELATIONSHIP.	AMOUNT.
		January 30	46	Guardians of Wm. Craft's children.	Children	\$ 2000 00
		January 30	47	Emily S. Laing.	Wife	100 00
		March 2	48	Bertha L. Wolfe.	Wife	2000 00
		March 26	49	Sarah Moar	Wife	2000 00
		April 3	50	T. Kidd, in trust for T. Lindsey's chl'n	Children	2000 00
		April 12	51	Emily S. Laing.	Wife	100 00
		April 29	52	Bessie Kirkland.	Wife	2000 00
		May 22	53	Sopha Leiser.	Wife	2000 00
		July 2	54	Mary E. Griffith.	Wife	1800 00
		July 23	55	Emily S. Laing.	Wife	2000 00
		October 13	56	Mary Driscoll.	Wife	100 00
		November 3	57	M. M. Gleason.	Wife	2000 00
		November 16	58	J. J. Edmonds.	Wife	2000 00
		December 15	60	Mary F. English.	Wife	2000 00
						\$22100 00

SUMMARY BENEFICIARY FUND, 1897.

1897.			
Jan. 1	To balance.....	\$ 556 00	
	" receipts per Exhibit A	24,249 75	
	By disbursements per Exhibit B		\$22,100 00
	" balance		2,705 75
		<u>\$24,805 75</u>	<u>\$24,805 75</u>

EXHIBIT C.

Amount received from Lodges on account of General Fund for the year
ending December 31st, 1897.

No	NAME OF LODGE.	PER CAPITA.	SUPP'S.	TOTAL.
1..	Victoria	\$ 350 00	\$ 22 05	\$ 372 05
2..	Granville	102 00	.....	102 00
3..	Fraser	165 00	.....	165 00
4..	Nanaimo	172 00	25 50	197 50
5..	Vancouver	171 00	52 34	223 24
6..	Sullivan	81 00	11 30	92 30
7..	Western Star	74 00	14 30	88 30
8..	Rossland	87 00	75 00	112 00
9..	Trail	15 00	28 50	43 50
10..	Nelson .....	.....	38 50	38 50
11..	Perseverance.....	126 00	103 80	229 80
12..	Delta	24 00	7 25	31 25
13..	Leiser	15 00	7 75	22 75
14..	Cloverdale	8 00	.....	8 00
16..	Vernon	31 00	.....	31 00
17..	Maple Leaf	56 00	15 00	71 00
18..	Enderby	9 00	.....	9 00
19..	Kelowna	39 00	10 35	49 35
	J. S. Lawrence	5 00	.....	5 00
	C. P. N. Co. rebate.....	.....	.....	6 00
		<u>\$1490 00</u>	<u>\$411 64</u>	<u>\$1897 64</u>

EXHIBIT D.

Warrants drawn on General Fund during the year ending Dec. 31, 1897.

DATE OF ISSUE.	IN FAVOR OF.	No.	ACCOUNT OF.	AMT.
Jan'y 25	G. A. McTavish	390	Floral offering	\$ 10 00
	J. T. McIlmoyl	391	Postage and telegrams	6 25
	W. A. DeWolf Smith	392	Medical exam't'n & postage	11 52
	J. T. McIlmoyl	393	Salary for December	50 00
Feby. 25	Greenwood & Co	394	Printing Assessment notices	10 00
	J. E. Church	395	Sun's and disb. ins. officers	19 75
	J. J. Acker	396	Per Capita to Sup. Lodge	43 08
	J. T. McIlmoyl	397	Postage and telegram	6 70
	Greenwood & Co	398	Ptg. Ass. notices and Post O	13 75
	J. T. McIlmoyl	399	Salary for January	50 00
Mar. 25	W. A. DeWolf Smith	341	Medical examinations	5 00
	J. T. McIlmoyl	342	Ex. re Willis claim and pge	9 00
	J. E. Church	343	Ledger, ex. charges and pge	3 90
	Greenwood & Co	344	Printing Ass. notices	10 25
	J. T. McIlmoyl	345	Salary for February	50 00
	W. A. DeWolf Smith	346	Medical examinations	13 50
	J. T. McIlmoyl	348	Telegrams	5 15
	R. T. Williams	349	Expense G. L. Session	270 36
	Wm. Ragless	350	Expense attending G. L. S.	51 40
April 25	J. T. McIlmoyl	351	Telegrams, postage, etc.	10 25
	J. J. Acker	353	Balance Relief Call No. 17.	11 73
	A. E. Woods	354	Letter bk, en'opes, pge, etc.	9 60
	Greenwood & Co	355	Printing Ass. notices	10 25
	J. T. McIlmoyl	356	Salary for March	50 00
	W. A. DeWolf Smith	357	Medical examinations	19 00
	T. R. Cusack	358	Ptg G. L. Proc., letterheads	103 65
May 25	J. T. McIlmoyl	359	P.O., stamps, seals & env'ls	16 10
	Greenwood & Co	360	Printing Ass. notices	10 25
	J. T. McIlmoyl	361	Salary for April	50 00
	W. A. DeWolf Smith	362	Medical examinations	9 50
June 25	H. Jewell	363	Sundries pr order of G. L.	5 50
	T. R. Cusack	364	Printing application papers	31 00
	J. T. McIlmoyl	365	Postage and express charges	9 10
	Greenwood & Co	366	Printing Ass. notices	10 25
	J. T. McIlmoyl	367	Salary for May	50 00
	A. E. Woods	368	Sundries per bill	5 15
July 25	W. A. DeWolf Smith	369	Medical examinats in April	5 00
	J. T. McIlmoyl	370	Salary for June	50 00
	W. A. DeWolf Smith	371	Medical examinats in May	7 00
	Greenwood & Co	372	Printing Ass. notices	10 25
Augt. 25	T. N. Hibben	373	Supplies per bill	2 50
	Greenwood & Co	374	500 blank monthly reports	5 00
	J. T. McIlmoyl	375	Pge, ex chgs, duly June-July	13 50
	Greenwood & Co	376	Printing Ass. notices	10 25
	W. A. DeWolf Smith	377	Medical examinations	2 50
	J. J. Acker	378	Per Capita to Sup. Lodge	45 36
	J. T. McIlmoyl	379	Salary for July	50 00

EXHIBIT D.—Continued.

DATE OF ISSUE.	IN FAVOR OF.	No.	ACCOUNT OF.	AMT.
Sept. 25	J. T. McIlmoyl	380	Postage, exp. to Chemainus	\$ 10 75
	Greenwood & Co . . .	381	Printing Ass. notices	11 50
	A. E. Woods	382	Official visit to Victoria, pge	12 00
	J. T. McIlmoyl	383	Salary for August	50 00
Oct. 25	Greenwood & Co	384	Printing Ass notices	11 50
	J. T. McIlmoyl	385	Exp chgs, duty, postage, etc	18 10
	T. R. Cusack	386	Ptg and Bdg Warrant books	9 00
	J. T. McIlmoyl	387	Salary for September	50 00
Nov. 25	Nicholles & Renouf . .	388	Letter Scales	4 00
	J. T. McIlmoyl	389	Fgt, ctge S.L. Proc, postage	8 20
	T. R. Cusack	390	Stationery	8 75
	J. T. McIlmoyl	391	Salary for October	50 00
	T. R. Cusack	392	Ptg Receipts bks, As notices	23 50
	W. A. DeWolf Smith	393	Med'l ex. Juty, Aug, Sep, Oct.	26 50
Decr. 25	J. T. McIlmoyl	394	Salary for Nov., postage . .	53 50
	R. T. Williams	395	Badges	100 50
	T. R. Cusack	396	Printing Ass. notices	10 50
				\$1710 59

SUMMARY GENERAL FUND, DEC. 31st, 1897.

Jan. 1	By amount overdrawn		\$ 16 79
	" Warrants paid per Exhibit D		1710 59
	To receipts per Exhibit C	\$1897 64	
	By balance on hand		170 26
		\$1897 64	\$1897 64

EXHIBIT E.

Relief Fund account to December 31st, 1897.

Jan. 1..	By balance.....		\$1846 75
" 15..	" Perseverance Lodge.....		6 00
Mar. 26	" General Fund.....		11 78
Feb. 3..	To Warrant 340.....	\$ 656 00	
Mar. 26	" " 352.....	696 75	
" " "	" " 353.....	11 73	
		\$1364 48	\$1364 48

EXHIBIT F. GORDON FUND.

1896.			
Jan. 1	By balance	\$ 9 00	
Apr. 1	" Maple Leaf Lodge.....	21 00	
Nov. 1	" Delta.....	6 00	
		\$36 00	



EXHIBIT G.

List of Supplies in stock January, 1898.

542 Beneficiary Certificate Blanks.....	.....
1500 Medical Applications.....	.....
1050 Constitutions.....	\$105 00
50 Ceremonials.....	10 00
27 Rituals	27 00
200 Ode Cards	4 00
58 Final Card Applications	75
75 Clearance Cards	15 00
15 Beneficiary Registers	15 00
35 Semi-Annual Report Blanks	2 10
2 Subordinate Lodge Emblems	6 00
4 Set Officers Badges	48 00
8 Dozen Members Badges	80 00
2 Charters	10 00
25 Blank Bonds	75
3 Digests	5 25
15 Receiver's Receipt Books	6 00
8 Receiver's Account Books	8 00
8 Monthly Report Books	12 00
3 Financier's Assessment Books	3 00
55 Financier's Receipt Books	22 00
8 Roll Books	8 00
16 Travelling Card Books	4 00
47 Warrant Books	18 80
	\$410 65

EXHIBIT H. Membership.

NAME OF LODGE.	Number.	Initiation.	Admitted by Card.	Re-instated.	Total.	Died.	Suspended.	Withdrawn by Card.	Expelled.	Membership Dec. 31, 1897.
Victoria.....	1	.....	.....	39	39	4	66	.....	.....	149
Granville	2	7	.....	4	11	1	10	.....	.....	51
Fraser	3	8	.....	18	26	3	28	2	.....	68
Nanaimo	4	2	.....	5	7	.....	20	.....	.....	74
Vancouver	5	1	.....	22	23	3	30	1	.....	108
*Sullivan	6	.....	.....	4	4	1	7	.....	.....	.....
Western Star.....	7	3	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	37
Roseland	8	41	1	.....	42	1	13	.....	.....	28
Trail	9	30	3	2	35	.....	17	.....	.....	18
Nelson	10	31	.....	.....	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	31
Perseverance	11	16	.....	19	35	.....	37	3	.....	54
Delta	12	4	.....	1	5	.....	5	.....	.....	24
Leiser	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	14
Cloverdale	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	4
Vernon	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	12
Maple Leaf.....	17	1	.....	5	6	.....	9	.....	.....	23
Enderby	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	9
Kelowna	19	4	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
Grand Lodge.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	5
	148	9	119	276	14	249	7	.....	.....	721

*Consolidated with Vancouver Lodge No. 5.

AVERAGE AGE EXHIBIT.

For the year 1897.

Average age of members admitted during the year...34 years 3 months

Average age of members who have died during year...48 years 6 months

Average age of members withdrawn during year.....41 years.

Average age of memberships for the present year....42 years .86-100.

GRAND RECEIVER'S REPORT.

OFFICE OF GRAND RECEIVER, A. O. U. W.,
Victoria, B. C., Dec. 31st, 1897.

*To the Grand Master Workman, Officers and Members of the Grand
Lodge of British Columbia:*

BRETHREN:—I herewith submit my report to date for your consideration. For statement covering the time from 1st of January to 25th of February, 1898, see Grand Recorder's report, all of which is respectfully submitted.

In C., H. and P.,

R. T. WILLIAMS,

Grand Receiver.



1897.			GENERAL FUND.		BENEFICIARY FUND.	
			Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.
Jan.	1	Balance on hand	\$.	\$ 16 79	\$ 556 00	\$
"	4	Paid Warrant 333		50 00		
"	4	" " 331		6 25		
"	13	" " 330		10 00		
"	13	Rec'd G. Recorder 223	28 00		516 00	
"	18	" " 224	86 25		1102 00	
"	19	Paid Warrant 332		11 52		
"	21	" " 334		10 00		
"	28	" " 335		19 75	1087 00	
"	28	Rec'd G. Recorder 225	378 00			
"	28	Paid Warrant 338		13 75		
"	30	" " 47				100 00
Feb.	3	" " 339		50 00		
"	3	" " 337		6 70		
"	11	" " 341		5 00		
"	11	Rec'd G. Recorder 226	58 30		292 00	
"	16	Paid Warrant 46				2000 00
"	19	Rec'd G. Recorder 227	102 00		1389 00	
"	25	Paid Warrant 336		43 08		
"	27	Rec'd G. Recorder 228	6 00		810 00	
"	27	" " 229	70 30		204 00	
Mar.	9	Rec. fm G. Recorder 230	95 00		253 00	
"	9	Paid Warrant 343		3 90		
"	9	" " 345		50 00		
"	9	" " 342		9 00		
"	11	" " 349		270 35		
"	11	" " 348		5 15		
"	11	" " 344		10 25		
"	11	" " 346		13 50		
"	11	" " 350		51 40		
"	12	" "				2000 00
"	20	Rec. fm G. Recorder 231	20 00		1281 00	
"	20	" " 232	1 00		1196 00	
April	6	Paid Warrant 354		9 60		
"	7	" " 355		10 25		
"	8	" " 356		50 00		
"	9	" "				2000 00
"	10	" " 353		11 73		
"	10	" " 357		19 00		
"	10	" " 351		10 25		
"	13	" " 358		103 65		
"	15	" " 50				2000 00
"	15	Rec'd G. Recorder 233	24 50		1055 00	
"	20	Paid Warrant 51				100 00
"	27	" " 234			584 50	
"	30	" " 235			355 00	
May	8	" " 52				2000 00
"	8	" " 360		10 25		
Carried forward ...			\$ 869 35	\$ 881 12	\$ 10680 50	\$ 10200 00

1897.			GENERAL FUND.		BENEFICIARY FUND.	
			Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.
		Brought forward	\$ 869 35	\$ 881 12	\$ 10680 50	\$ 10200 00
May	8	Paid Warrant 359.....		16 10		
"	8	" " 361.....		50 00		
"	12	Rec. fm G. Recorder 236	15 75		955 00	
"	12	Paid Warrant 362.....		9 50		
"	29	Rec'd. G. Recorder.....	33 50		911 50	
"	29	Paid Warrant 364.....		31 00		
"	29	" " 366.....		10 25		
"	31	" " 365-7.....		59 10		
June	4	Rec'd G. Recorder 248..	75 00		153 00	
"	8	" " 238..	4 00		150 00	
"	8	Paid Warrant 368.....		5 15		
"	10	" " 363.....		5 50		
"	22	Rec'd G. Recorder 240..			702 00	
"	12	Paid Warrant.....				2000 00
"	25	Rec'd G. Recorder 241..			855 20	
"	30	" " 242..	1 00		267 00	
July	12	" " 243..			297 00	
"	12	Paid Warrant 370.....		50 00		
"	20	Rec. fm G. Recorder 244	29 00		247 44	
"	21	Paid Warrant 54.....				2000 00
"	24	Rec'd G. Recorder 245..	171 55		664 00	
"	24	" " 246..	139 00		364 00	
"	27	Paid Warrants 369-371		12 00		
"	30	" " 372.....		10 25		
"	30	" " 55.....				1800 00
"	30	" " 374-376..		15 25		
"	30	" " 369.....				
"	30	" " 371.....				
Aug.	7	Rec'd G. Recorder 247..	9 00		149 40	
"	12	" " 248..	33 85		75 70	
"	12	Paid Warrant 375.....		13 50		
"	12	" " 379.....		50 00		
"	16	Rec'd G. Recorder 249..	89 00		766 52	
"	30	Paid Warrant 381.....		11 50		
"	30	" " 380.....		10 75		
"	30	Rec'd G. Recorder 250..			644 56	
Sept.	3	" " 251..	65 00		6 12	
"	3	Paid Warrant 373.....		2 50		
"	15	Rec'd as per Recor. 252	76 00		989 96	
"	15	Paid Warrants.....		45 36		
"	27	Rec'd G. Recorder 253..			712 52	
"	27	Paid Warrants 383-2 ...		62 00		
Oct.	6	Rec'd G. Recorder 254..	37 00		94 89	
"	7	Paid Warrant 385.....		18 10		
"	7	" " 384.....		11 50		
"	9	" " 386.....		9 00		
"	11	" " 387.....		50 00		
		Carried forward.....	\$1648 00	\$1439 43	\$ 19686 31	\$ 1600 00

1898.		GENERAL FUND.		BENEFICIARY FUND.	
		Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.
	Brought forward.....	\$1648 00	\$1439 43	\$ 19686 31	\$ 16000 00
Oct.	12 Rec'd G. Recorder 255..	1 00		398 04	
"	14 " " 256..			527 05	
"	20 " " 257..	25 00		413 66	
"	26 " " 258..			226 52	
"	28 " " 259..	52 00		69 16	
"	29 Paid Warrants 389-391		58 20		
Nov.	8 " " 390-392		32 25		
"	8 Paid War., Gleason, 57				100 00
"	11 Rec. fm G. Recorder 260			145 07	
"	11 Paid Warrant 393		26 50		
"	11 " " 377		2 50		
"	12 Rec. fm G. Recorder 261	85 00		392 68	
"	12 Paid Warrant 388		4 00		
"	16 Rec'd G. Recorder 262..	19 00		694 30	
"	16 Paid Warrant 56				2000 00
"	20 Rec'd G. Recorder 263..			435 34	
"	24 " " 264..	63 14		122 69	
"	26 Paid War., Edmonds, 58				2000 00
Dec.	3 Paid Warrant 394		53 50		
"	3 " " 395		100 50		
"	11 Rec. fm G. Recorder 265	4 50		600 07	
"	17 " " 266			665 20	
"	23 " " 267			376 30	
"	24 " " "			53 36	
"	28 Paid Warrant, 60				2000 00
"	30 " " 396		10 50		
		\$1897 64	\$1727 38	\$ 24805 75	\$22100 00
	Balance on hand		170 26		2705 75

GRAND MEDICAL EXAMINER'S REPORT.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.,
January 1st, 1898.

*To the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge,
A. O. U. W., of British Columbia:*

BRETHREN:—I have the honor to submit my annual report as Grand Medical Examiner for this jurisdiction for the year ended 31st December, 1897.

One hundred and seventy-six medical examinations were received and passed upon by me during the year. This is an increase of 58 over the number received last year, and, I think, shows an increasing appreciation of the benefits of our noble Order. It is satisfactory to note also that the average age of applicants continues to decrease. This is particularly the case with accepted applicants, as will be seen by reference to Table E.

During the year assessments were called for 16 deaths. Most of these among the oldest members, but two had belonged to the Order less than one year. One of these died from pneumonia, and the other from consumption. Although consumption is, as a rule, a slow lingering disease, occasionally it is very rapid in its course, and, after giving due consideration to this case, I came to the conclusion that the medical examiner acted in perfect good faith, and could not be blamed for recommending the risk.

Since the last meeting of Grand Lodge the new medical examination blank has been put into use. It is an improvement on the old one, but is capable of further improvement in the arrangement of the spaces for the answers, and in the phraseology of some of the questions. These, however, may easily be remedied when the next supply is printed. As the medical examination papers are now filed in the office of the Grand Medical Examiner, I have not thought it necessary to procure the new Register, for which authority was given at the last annual meeting.

The usual tables are appended, viz.:

Table A—Causes of rejections during the year 1897.

Table B—Causes of rejections for the years 1892-7.

Table C*—Names of those who have died during the year, &c.

Table D—Names of those who have died since the formation of the Grand Lodge.

Table E—Number of applicants, average ages, &c.

Table F—Average duration of membership of deaths.

Table G—Average age, and average duration of membership according to cause of death.

In conclusion, I have to thank the Grand Master, Grand Recorder and other Grand Lodge Officers for much kindness and assistance during the year, and

I remain in C., H. and P.,

W. A. DEWOLF SMITH,

Grand Medical Examiner.

TABLE A.

CAUSES OF REJECTION DURING THE YEAR 1897.

Asthma	1
Family History	3
Heart Disease	2
Kidney Disease	1
Non-Vaccination	5
Over Age	7
Phthisis	1
	14

TABLE B.

CAUSES OF REJECTIONS FOR THE YEARS 1892-7.

DISEASES.	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	Total
Albuminuria	...	1	1	...	1	...	3
Asthma	...	2	...	...	...	1	3
Bad Family History	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Bad Physical Condition	1	2	1	...	1	...	5
Consumptive History	5	7	...	3	5	3	23
Discharge from Ears, &c	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Hæmoptysis	1	...	...	1	...	...	2
Heart Disease	1	3	...	2	...	2	8
Intemperance	...	1	1	...	1	...	3
Kidney Disease	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Non-Vaccination	...	1	...	...	...	5	6
Over Age	...	1	...	...	...	1	2
Phthisis	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Over Weight	2	...	...	1	...	...	3
Rheumatic History and Heart Disease	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Scrofula and Insanity	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Syphilis	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Not Recorded	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
Totals	13	21	3	8	8	14	67



TABLE C.

Showing the names of those who have died during the year, together with the Lodges to which they belonged ;
also the dates of deaths, ages, causes of deaths, and length of time in the Order.

No.	NAME.	LODGE AND NO.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE	CAUSE OF DEATH.	TIME IN ORDER.		
						Yrs.	Mos	Dys
1.	Morseby, Wm	Fraser No. 3	1896, Nov. 15	49	Pneumonia	16	3	5
2.	Volfe, M.	Nanaimo No. 4	" " 20	46	Suicide	12	3	26
3.	Moar, J	Vancouver No. 5	" " Dec. 1	44	Pneumonia	2	10	15
4.	Kirkland, A	Fraser No. 3	" " 3	36	Pneumonia	16	3	2
5.	Leiser, G.	Victoria Nov. 1	" " 5	40	Pneumonia	14	6	24
6.	Griffith, J W	Vancouver No. 5	" " 30	44	Suicide	16	3	24
7.	Laing, A	Victoria No. 1	1897, Jan. 9	50	Heart Disease	17	1	29
8.	Field, E.	Victoria No. 1	" Feb. 7	42	Phthisis	17	4	25
9.	Driscoll, E	Vernon No. 16	" May 7	49	Heart Failure	15	6	20
10.	Edmonds, H. V	Fraser No. 3	" June 11	60	Apoplexy	17	...	12
11.	English, M. M	Fraser No. 3	" " 25	57	Heart Disease	8	1	29
12.	Gleason, M. D.	Vancouver No. 5	" Aug. 26	57	Phthisis	17	7	28
13.	Caldwell, C. A	Granville No. 2	" Sept. 10	52	Heart Disease	5	8	6
14.	Berridge, W	Sullivan No. 6	" " 11	53	Abscess of Lung	16	1	7
15.	Erb, L. E	Victoria No. 1	" Oct. 8	60	Inanition	11	...	7
16.	Waters, J. F	Rossland No. 8	" " 24	34	Hæmoptysis	...	...	...

Average Age.....48 years, 4 months,
Average Duration of Membership.....11 years, 4 months.

TABLE D.

Showing the rates of those who have died since the formation of this Grand Lodge, together with the Lodges to which they belonged; also the dates of death, ages, causes of death, and length of time in the Order.

No.	NAME.	LODGE AND No.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE	CAUSE OF DEATH.	TIME IN ORDER	
						Years.	Mos.
1.	Lewis, J. B.	Nanaimo No. 4.	1892, May 18.	51	Apoplexy	3	6
2.	Smith, J.	Vancouver No. 5.	" Sept. 1	53	Bright's Disease	10	3
3.	Garnet, E.	Victoria No. 1.	" Oct. 5	36	Pneumonia	11	6
4.	Elford, W.	Sullivan No. 6.	" 5	44	Suicide	10	7
5.	Laidlaw, J. A.	Beaver No. 3.	1893, Jan. 20.	53	Inflam'tion of Bowels	13	4
6.	Becker, K. J. F.	Victoria No. 1.	" March 13.	52	Heart Disease	2	7
7.	Dunn, R.	Nanaimo No. 4.	" April 14.	43	Softening of Brain	1	3
8.	Kirk, A.	Western Star No. 7.	" June 2.	41	Suicide	1	1
9.	Woodward, J.	Delta No. 12.	" July 28.	39	Apoplexy	14	1
10.	Steele, W.	Victoria No. 1.	" Sept. 1	54	Cancer	1	1
11.	Vermouth, J.	Sullivan No. 6.	" Oct. 7	39	Bronchitis	1	4
12.	Kuhns, C. B.	Kelowna No. 19.	" Dec. 22.	37	Accident	1	4
13.	Taylor, W.	Granville No. 2.	1894, Jan. 9.	34	Abscess of Brain	1	5
14.	McDonald, D. G.	Western Star No. 7.	" Jan. 14.	41	Rupture of Aorta	1	11
15.	Marwood, F.	Enderby No. 18.	" Feb. 14.	34	Tubercular Meningitis	11	9
16.	Craig, R.	Nanaimo No. 4.	" May 17.	47	Obstruction of Bowels	1	6
17.	Bland, A.	Western Star No. 7.	" July 31.	34	Drowned	1	9
18.	Adams, F.	Sullivan No. 6.	1895, March 22.	51	Drowned	3	1
19.	McKinnon, A.	Vancouver No. 5.	" May 11.	58	Pneumonia	12	11
20.	Van Bramer, J.	Granville No. 2.	" June 6.	64	Senile Marasmus	14	11
21.	Cohen, J. A.	Vancouver No. 5.	" June 18.	47	Cerebral Meningitis	3	6
22.	Rowbotham, A. J.	Vancouver No. 5.	" Aug. 1.	43	Suicide	12	11

TABLE D.—Continued.

No.	NAME.	LODGE AND No.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE	CAUSE OF DEATH.	TIME IN ORDER	
						Years.	Mos.
23.	Foster, S.	Nanaimo No. 4.	1895, Sept. 1.	57	Cancer	7	9
24.	Elliott, H.	Fraser No. 3.	" Nov. 7.	60	Cerebral Haemorrhage	15	9
25.	Smith, D.	Nanaimo No. 4.	" Nov. 27.	48	Suicide	11	5
26.	Lawry, N.	Vancouver No. 5.	1896, Feb. 22.	49	Cancer	4	5
27.	Lindsay, J.	Victoria No. 1.	" Nov. 1.	49	Phthisis	15	5
28.	Craft, W.	Vancouver No. 5.	" Nov. 16.	54	Pneumonia	12	5
29.	Moresby, W.	Fraser No. 3.	" Nov. 15.	49	Pneumonia	16	3
30.	Wolfe, M.	Nanaimo No. 4.	" Nov. 20.	46	Suicide	12	4
31.	Moar, J.	Vancouver No. 5.	" Dec. 1.	44	Pneumonia	2	9
32.	Kirkland, A.	Fraser No. 3.	" Dec. 3.	36	Pneumonia	16	10
33.	Leiser, G.	Victoria No. 1.	" Dec. 5.	40	Pneumonia	14	4
34.	Griffith, J. W.	Vancouver No. 5.	" Dec. 30.	44	Suicide	14	7
35.	Laing, A.	Victoria No. 1.	1897, Jan. 9.	50	Heart Disease	16	4
36.	Field, E.	Victoria No. 1.	" Feb. 7.	42	Phthisis	17	2
37.	Driscoll, E.	Vernon No. 16.	" May 7.	49	Heart Failure	4	6
38.	Edmonds, H. V.	Fraser No. 3.	" June 11.	60	Apoplexy	15	7
39.	English, M. M.	Fraser No. 3.	" June 25.	57	Heart Disease	17	2
40.	Gleason, M. D.	Vancouver No. 5.	" Aug. 26.	57	Phthisis	8	8
41.	Caldwell, C. A.	Granville No. 2.	" Sept. 10.	52	Heart Disease	17	8
42.	Berridge, W.	Sullivan No. 6.	" Sept. 11.	53	Abscess of Lung	5	1
43.	Erb, L. E.	Victoria No. 1.	" Oct. 8.	60	Inanition	16	1
34.	Waters, J. F.	Roseland No. 8.	" Oct. 24.	34	Hæmoptysis	11	11

Average Age.....47 years, 10 months.

Average Duration of Membership.....8 years, 9 months.

TABLE E.

Showing for the years 1892-7 the number of applicants ; the number of applicants accepted, and the number of applicants rejected. Also the average age of all applicants, and the average ages of accepted and rejected applicants.

Year.	Number of Applicants.	Number of Applicants Accepted.	Number of Applicants Rejected.	Average Age of all Applicants.	Average Age of Accepted Applicants.	Average Age of Rejected Applicants.
1892	217	204	13	35.44	35.17	39.61
1893	181	160	21	35.82	35.81	35.95
1894	38	35	2	36.78	35.91	47.00
1895	64	56	8	35.62	35.62	35.62
1896	123	115	8	34.95	34.96	34.75
1897	176	162	14	34.22	34.21	34.28
	799	732	67	35.47	35.28	37.86



TABLE F.

Showing the average duration of membership of deaths occurring at different ages.

YEARS.	NO. OF DEATHS.	AVERAGE DURATION OF MEMBERSHIP.		
		Years.	Months	Days.
34	4	4	2	15
36	2	7	....	15
37	1	....	4	....
39	2	1	2	15
40	1	16	3	24
41	2	1	7	....
42	1	17	1	29
43	2	7	9	....
44	3	5	3	10
46	1	12	3	26
47	2	7	6	....
48	1	11	9	
49	4	9	4	22
50	1	16	4	
51	2	3	3	15
52	2	15	6	
53	3	8	9	
54	2	13	3	6
57	3	10	11	20
58	1	12	11	
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60	3	15	6	20
....				
64	1	14	1	

TABLE G.

Showing the average age, and the average duration of membership according to the cause of death.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	No.	AVERAGE YEARS AGE.		AVERAGE DURATION OF MEMBERSHIP.		
		Years.	Mos.	Years.	Mos.	Days.
Abscess of Brain.....	1	34	.....	1	5	.....
Abscess of Lung.....	1	53	.....	5	8	6
Accident.....	1	37	.....	.....	4	.....
Apoplexy.....	4	52	6	8	9	15
Bright's Disease.....	1	53	.....	10	.....	.....
Bronchitis.....	1	39	.....	1	4	.....
Cancer.....	3	53	4	8	9	.....
Cerebral Meningitis.....	1	47	.....	3	6	.....
Consumption.....	3	49	4	13	7	.....
Drowning.....	2	42	6	2	5	.....
Hæmoptysis.....	1	34	.....	.....	11	7
Heart Disease.....	4	52	9	16	1	.....
Heart Failure.....	1	49	.....	4	6	.....
Inanition.....	1	60	.....	16	1	7
Inflammation of Bowels.....	1	53	.....	10	7	.....
Obstruction of Bowels.....	1	47	.....	11	6	.....
Pneumonia.....	7	45	3	10	4	21
Rupture of Aorta.....	1	41	.....	1	11	.....
Senile Marasmus.....	1	64	.....	14	11	.....
Softening of Brain.....	1	43	.....	2	7	.....
Suicide.....	6	44	4	7	9	4
Tubercular Meningitis.....	1	34	.....	.....	9	.....

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

VICTORIA, B. C.,
March 1st, 1898.

*To the Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W.,
British Columbia:*

BRETHREN:—We herewith submit our report for the term ending this Grand Lodge session.

During the past year your committee met on the 25th day of each month as required by law, and on several other occasions, when we deemed it necessary to attend to Grand Lodge business. No bills have been paid unless approved by your committee.

All printing has been done on the lowest tender.

The condition of each of the different funds on the 25th of each month were as follows:

1897.

March	Beneficiary Fund, on hand	\$4,416 00
..	General " "	188 46
..	Relief " "	696 75
April	Beneficiary " "	2,125 50
..	General " overdrawn	1 52
..	Relief " "	
May	Beneficiary Fund, on hand	347 00
..	General " overdrawn	38 12
..	Relief " "	
June	Beneficiary " on hand	2,207 20
..	General " overdrawn	70 12
..	Relief " "	
July	Beneficiary " on hand	246 64
..	General " "	198 18
..	Relief " "	
Aug.	Beneficiary " on hand	1,882 82
..	General " "	200 92
..	Relief " "	
Sept	Beneficiary " on hand	3,591 42
..	General " "	257 67
..	Relief " "	

Oct	Beneficiary	"	on hand	.....	3,320 74
	General	"	"	.....	232 07
	Relief	"		.....	
Nov	Beneficiary	"	on hand	.....	3,010 82
	General	"	"	.....	330 26
	Relief	"		.....	
Dec	Beneficiary	"	on hand	.....	2,705 75
	General	"	"	.....	170 26
	Relief	"		.....	
1898.					
Jan	Beneficiary	"	on hand	.....	2,444 42
	General	"	"	.....	320 01
	Relief	"		.....	
Feb	Beneficiary	"	on hand	.....	2,162 91
	General	"	"	.....	209 51
	Relief	"		.....	

During the year the following claims on the Beneficiary Fund have been passed and recommended paid:

March 25th, 1897.—Claim from Fraser Lodge No. 3, on death of A. Kirkland, was approved, and it was recommended that Assessments 12, 13, 14 for claim No. 4 be called for April 1st, 1897.

April 26th, 1897.—Claim from Victoria Lodge No. 1, on death of G. Leiser, was approved, and it was recommended that Assessments 15, 16, 17 for claim No. 5 be called for May 1st, 1897.

May 25th, 1897.—Claim from Vancouver Lodge No. 5, on death of J. W. Griffiths, was approved, and it was recommended that Assessments 18, 19, 20 for claim No. 6 be called for June 1st, 1897.

Also claim from Victoria Lodge No. 1, on death of A. Laing, was approved, and it was recommended that Classified Assessment No. 1 for claim No. 7 be called for July 1st, 1897.

July 26th, 1897.—Claim from Victoria Lodge No. 1, on death of E. Field, was approved, and it was recommended that Classified Assessment No. 2 for claim No. 8 be called for August 1st, 1897.

Aug. 25th, 1897.—Claim from Vernon Lodge No. 16, on death of E. Driscoll, was approved, and it was recommended that Classified Assessment No. 3 for claim No. 9 be called for September 1st, 1897.

Sept. 25th, 1897.—Claim from Fraser Lodge No. 3, on death of H. V. Edmonds, was approved, and it was recommended that Classified Assessment No. 4 for claim No. 10 be called for October 1st, 1897.

Oct. 25th, 1897.—Claim from Fraser Lodge No. 3, on death of M. M. English, was approved, and it was recommended that Classified Assessment No. 5 for claim No. 11 be called for November 1st, 1897.

Nov. 25th, 1897.—Claim from Vancouver Lodge No. 5, on death of M. D. Gleeson, was approved, and it was recommended that Classified Assessment No. 6 for claim No. 12 be called for December 1st, 1897.

Dec. 24th, 1897.—Claim from Granville Lodge No. 2, on death of C. A. Caldwell.

Claim from Sullivan Lodge No. 6, on death of W. Berridge.

Claim from Victoria Lodge No. 1, on death of L. E. Erb.

Also claim from Rossland Lodge No. 8, on death of John F. Waters, was approved. Having called assessments to the maximum required by the laws of the Order, the above claims was referred to the Supreme Board of Relief, through the Grand Recorder, Bro. J. T. McIlmoyl, and with the consent of the Grand Master Workman, Bro. A. E. Woods.

Also claim from Victoria Lodge No. 1, on death of Henry Jewell, was approved, and it was recommended that Classified Assessment No. 1 for claim No. 1 be called for January 1st, 1898.

Jan. 25th, 1898.—Claim from Delta Lodge No. 12, on death of F. L. Lord, was approved and it was recommended that Classified Assessment No. 2 for claim No. 2 be called for February 1st, 1898. We also beg to report that this jurisdiction has been granted relief to the amount of \$9,767.77.

Feb. 25th, 1898.—We recommended that Relief Call No. 18 for \$1 be called for March 1st, 1898.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We beg to call the attention of this Grand Lodge to the fact that since the Grand Recorder has moved to the city of Victoria, he has provided an office at his own expense. We would therefore recommend that a suitable office (with vault if possible) be provided for the Grand Recorder. We call particular attention to the condition we would be in if the records should be destroyed.

We would recommend that a thorough organizer be engaged during the next year to build up the order, and that legislation be enacted at this session to that end.

We believe that if radical changes are to be made at any time in conducting the affairs of the Grand Lodge, the change should be made while the affairs in the different departments are in charge of brothers who have in the past, as well as the present time, the entire confidence of this Grand Lodge.

We therefore recommend that guarantee bonds be required of both the Grand Recorder and Grand Receiver, and that same be paid by the Grand Lodge.

That the Grand Receiver be required to open an account in some chartered bank (subject to the approval of the Committee on Finance) in the name of the Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., in which all moneys shall be placed, and that all moneys shall be paid out on cheques, signed by the Grand Receiver and Grand Recorder.

Your committee take pleasure in being able to report that their labors during the year have been facilitated and greatly aided by both the Grand Recorder and Grand Receiver in affording all assistance possible in auditing the books of the different offices, as well as by their aid and counsel at the meetings. The Grand Lodge is to be congratulated on having such able and efficient officers as Bros. J. T. McIlmoy¹ and R. T. Williams in charge of the business affairs of the Lodge.

J. E. CHURCH,
A. STEWART,

Committee on Finance.



REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SUPREME LODGE.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., of B. C.:

BRETHREN:—We, the undersigned, your Representatives in the Supreme Lodge, beg to submit the following report of the action of the Supreme Lodge upon such matters coming before that body that we think are of interest to this Grand Lodge.

The twenty-fifth stated meeting of the Supreme Lodge was held at the city of Milwaukee, Wis., commencing June 8th, 1897, and concluded its session June 15th, 1897. The following amendments to the Supreme Lodge Constitution were adopted:

CONSTITUTION OF THE SUPREME LODGE.

Amend Section 20, Sub-section 3, to read as follows:

3. On Laws, to consist of three, to examine and report upon the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of Grand Lodges and of amendments thereto. When the Supreme Lodge is not in session their report shall be made to the Supreme Master Workman.

This committee shall also examine the decisions made by the Grand Master Workmen of the several jurisdictions involving any construction of the Ritual or the laws of the Supreme Lodge, and report to the Supreme Lodge at each session their recommendation of approval or disapproval thereof. Whenever the Supreme Lodge shall approve or disapprove any such decision, its action shall be decisive on the subject matter therein referred to.

This committee shall also perform such other duties as may be required by the Supreme Lodge or the Supreme Master Workman.

Amend Section 29, to read as follows:

29. Visitors. Grand Lodges may admit as visitors Past Master Workmen who are members in good standing in their respective subordinate lodges, and who have received the Grand Lodge Degree, and if a Grand Lodge sees proper so to do, all Past Master Workmen under its jurisdiction may be admitted to full membership, and when the nature of the business will permit, a Grand Lodge may, by a two-thirds vote, conduct business other than ritualistic in the Workman Degree, at which time Workman Degree Members in good standing in subordinate lodges may be permitted to be present.

Amend Section 38, Supreme Lodge Constitution by adding thereto a new sub-section, to be known as Sub-section 12, to read as follows :

"12. Grand Recorders shall send to each member of the Committee on Laws of the Supreme Lodge, as soon as published, one copy of the printed proceedings after each and every session of the Grand Lodge."

GENERAL LAWS.

Amend General Law XI, Section 1, to read as follows :

1. How Raised. The Relief Fund shall consist of a sum equal to one dollar for each and every Workman Degree beneficial member in good standing upon the 30th day of June, and shall be raised by each Grand Lodge prior to the 31st day of December of each and every year, by an assessment or assessments upon each Workman Degree beneficial member of the Order under its jurisdiction. The Relief Fund thus raised shall remain intact in the hands of the Grand Receivers of the various Grand Lodges, or in such other depository as the Grand Lodges may designate, until it is called by the Relief Board, and when called by the Relief Board it shall be forwarded to the Supreme Lodge Treasury in the manner hereinafter specified. Should the amount called by the Relief Board exceed the sum total of the Relief Fund in the hands of the Grand Lodges aforesaid, then the excess required shall be immediately raised by an assessment and forwarded as other relief funds are forwarded. Assessments for the Relief Fund shall be levied and collected in the same manner and under the same laws, rules and regulations as ordinary assessments for the Beneficiary Fund, and all laws of the Order in regard to suspensions for non-payment of Beneficiary Fund assessments or reinstatement of Workman Degree beneficial members shall be applicable also to assessments made for the Relief Fund. Grand Lodges may raise their Relief Fund from their Beneficiary or General Funds, and subordinate lodges may pay Relief Fund assessments for their entire membership from their General Fund ; provided, that whenever a Grand Lodge, which raises its Relief Fund from its Beneficiary Fund is an applicant for relief, then the amount of Beneficiary Fund transferred to its Relief Fund shall and must be accounted for and applied to the payment of Beneficiary claims by the Relief Board before such Grand Lodge is entitled to receive relief. The sum total of the calls made by the Relief Board upon the Relief Fund in the treasuries of the various Grand Lodges shall in no case exceed the sum of three dollars per member in any one year.

Any surplus arising from Relief Calls shall constitute a fund for the payment of subsequent relief, when one dollar may not be sufficient to pay the relief needed.

Although the foregoing has been published in the Journal of the Supreme Lodge, we deem it wise to present them in this report that they may be again brought to your attention and duly placed in the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

In addition to the foregoing, there were some decisions of the Supreme Master Workman approved by the Supreme Lodge that may be of interest to the membership in this jurisdiction.

The following decision made by the Supreme Master Workman were approved by the Supreme Lodge :

Question.—Can we accept a candidate who is a manager of a hotel, employing a clerk to attend the bar, the license being in his wife's name, and he simply looking after the business as a whole?

Answer.—In the light of Decision 3, page 37, of the printed Journal of the last Supreme Lodge, which was approved by that body, such a candidate cannot be accepted.

The following resolutions, affecting some or all of the Grand Jurisdictions, were adopted by the Supreme Lodge and are now in force.

Resolved, That any jurisdiction which shall make a net increase of new members from June 1, 1897, to June 1, 1898, of twenty-five (25) per cent., shall receive from the Supreme Lodge the sum of \$2,000, providing that no jurisdiction shall be entitled to receive said sum unless the net increase shall exceed 1,000 new members

Resolved, That the incoming Supreme Master Workman be and he is hereby authorized to secure the services of our present Supreme Master Workman, J. G. Tate, to labor for the upbuilding and extension of the Order, whenever and wherever, in the judgment of the incoming Supreme Master Workman he shall deem it to be for the best interests of the Order ; provided that the total expense of the same to this Supreme Lodge shall not exceed three thousand dollars, all bills for services and travelling expenses to be approved by the Supreme Master Workman and Committee on Finance.

The following recommendation of the Relief Board was adopted, and the Relief Law amended, granting the authority therein requested :

RELIEF CALLS.

Item 12.—The Board would recommend that it may be allowed to call the "one dollar," now provided for in the Relief Law, at any time they believe the necessities of the Order demand it, and that they be not limited to the time now fixed by law, namely, after their meeting in January. The object of this recommendation is to allow the Board to extend relief to jurisdictions at any time in the year when it is clearly

apparent that any jurisdiction is entitled to relief. The protracted delay in the payment of claims in jurisdictions entitled to relief is a very serious detriment to their growth, as well as a great hardship to the bereaved beneficiaries of our deceased brethren. We recommend that the Committee on Laws be instructed to prepare necessary amendments to our Relief Law, to confer the authority herein requested.

Fraternally submitted in C., H. and P.,

J. E. CHURCH,

J. T. McILMOYL,

HENRY HOY,

Supreme Representatives.



Document No. 2.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

We, the Committee on Distribution recommend as follows :

That the Report of the Grand Master Workman up to Field Case be adopted ; clause *re* Field Case be referred to the Committee on Laws.

That Decisions also can be referred to the Committee on Laws.

That the Dispensations and Official Circulars be adopted.

Re suggestions, be referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

Conclusion of Grand Master Workman's Report be adopted.

That the Report of the Grand Recorder and Grand Receiver be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That the Report of the Grand Medical Examiner be adopted.

That the first of the Report of the Committee on Finance up to the word recommendation, be adopted, and that the said recommendations be referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

That the Report of the Supreme Lodge Representatives be adopted.

(Signed) G. GOLDBERG,
H. E. LANGIS,
THOS. SHARP.

Upon motion the Report of the Committee on Distribution was adopted.

Document No. 3.

We, the Committee on Good of the Order, to whom was referred the suggestions of the Grand Master Workman, beg to report that the first clause that refers to a British Columbia edition, be referred to the Grand Lodge for discussion.

(Signed) J. E. PHILLIPS,
A. J. MACKAY,
T. W. KERR.

Report adopted.

And the subject matters dealt with by the Grand Lodge, the debate that followed resulted in the following motion ;

Document No. 4.

That the Grand Master appoint a Committee of four to make the best arrangement they can to secure a page devoted to the interests of the A. O. U. W. in British Columbia in some official paper.

(Signed) T. W. KERR,
R. H. BAKER.

To which the following amendment was moved by E. J. Salmon, seconded by T. H. Trahey:

Document No. 5.

That the matter of publishing an official organ for this Grand Lodge lie over for the action of the incoming Grand Lodge officers.

The amendment was adopted.

Document No. 6.

Resolved, That Beneficiary Rule 38 be repealed and the following substituted therefor:

FAILURE TO FORWARD.

38. Any Subordinate Lodge failing to forward the Beneficiary Fund due from it within sufficient time to reach the Grand Recorder by the 20th day of the month shall be delinquent, and all the members under the jurisdiction of such lodge shall stand suspended from all the rights, benefits and privileges of the Order until said fund is received by the Grand Recorder.

That Beneficiary Rule 39 be repealed and the following be substituted:

39. Whenever the Beneficiary Fund due from a Subordinate Lodge is not received by the Grand Recorder by the 20th day of the month it shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to notify the Grand Master Workman.

That Beneficiary Rule 44 be repealed and the following substituted:

44. The monthly report shall be made by the Financier upon the regular blank provided for that purpose, and shall be mailed by the Recorder prior to the 20th day of each calendar month, and should said report fail to reach the Grand Recorder by the 20th day of the month it

shall be the duty of the Grand Reborder to notify the Grand Master Workman.

GEORGE ADAMS,
J. E. CHURCH,
J. T. McILMOYL,
A. STEWART,
JOHN HILBERT.

Referred to the Committee on Laws.

Document No. 7.

Resolved, That Sec. 3 of Art 2, page 59, Subordinate Lodge Constitution, be amended by striking out the words "three dollars," in third line, and inserting the words "one dollar."

R. D. FETHERSTON,
THOS. SHARP,
GEO. ADAMS,
M. SINCLAIR,
D. GOLDBERG.

Referred to Committee on Laws.

Document No. 8.

Resolved, That Sec. 12 of Art. 10, page 77, Subordinate Lodge Constitution, be amended by striking out the words "two dollars," and inserting the words "one dollar and fifty cents."

THOS. SHARP,
R. D. FETHERSTON,
GEORGE ADAMS,
M. SINCLAIR,
JOHN HILBERT.

Referred to the Committee on Laws.

Document No. 9.

Your Committee on Good of the Order, to whom was referred the Grand Master Workman's suggestions, beg leave to report as follows:

That the second paragraph be referred to the Grand Lodge for discussion, as each member should be interested in the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

In regard to third paragraph, we respectfully ask to be relieved from further consideration of the subject.

J. E. PHILLIPS,
A. J. MACKAY,
T. W. KERR,

Upon motion, the report was referred back to the Committee on Good of the Order for reconsideration.

Document No. 10.

Your Committee on Laws, to whom was referred certain portions of the Grand Master Workman's report, beg to report as follows:

After careful consideration, we are of the opinion that the action of the Grand Master Workman in the Field case is legal, and we recommend its approval.

Re granting Clearance Cards, as in the case from Fraser Lodge No. 3, we are of the opinion that the cards so granted by the Recorder of Fraser Lodge No. 3 are illegal, and the suggestion of the Grand Master Workman, if carried out, would not legalize the transaction.

F. L. LONG,
A. M. BULLOCK,
D. C. WEBBER.

The report of the Committee on Laws was adopted.

Document No. 11.

We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Reports of the Grand Recorder and Grand Receiver, beg to report that they have examined them and found them correct, and recommend their adoption.

J. E. CHURCH,
A. STEWART,
JOHN HILBERT.

Upon motion the Report of the Committee on Finance was adopted.

Document No. 12.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge instruct the Committee on Finance to base the rate per mile paid to Grand Lodge officers and

representatives on the amount of actual necessary travelling expenses decided by the approximate number of miles travelled by such persons.

J. E. CHURCH,
A. STEWART.

The resolution was adopted.

Document No. 18.

Your Committee on Laws, to whom was referred decisions found in the Grand Master Workman's Report, find as follows:

Election of officers of Subordinate Lodges held at any other time than the last meeting nights of June and December are not legal. See G. L. Constitution, page 69.

F. L. BUDLONG,
A. M. BULLOCK,
D. C. WEBBER.

On motion the Report of the Committee on Laws was not adopted.

Document No. 14.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to recommend that the amount of \$36.00, now in the Gordon Fund, be transferred to the General Fund of the Grand Lodge.

J. E. CHURCH,
A. STEWART.
JOHN HILBERT.

The recommendation was adopted.

Document No. 15.

Your Committee on Good of the Order, to whom was referred Document No. 9 for reconsideration, report as follows: Re suggestions Grand Master Workman's Report, that clauses 2 and 3 be referred to the Committee on Laws.

J. E. PHILLIPS,
A. J. MACKAY,
T. W. KERR.

Report of the Committee on Good of the Order adopted.

Document No. 16.

Your Committee on Laws, to whom was referred Document No. 6, has duly considered the same and recommend its adoption.

F. L. BUDLONG,
A. M. BULLOCK,
D. C. WEBBER.

The report of the Committee on Laws was adopted.

Document No. 17.

Your Committee on Laws, to whom was referred Document No. 7, having duly considered the same, recommend its adoption.

F. L. BUDLONG,
A. M. BULLOCK,
D. C. WEBBER.

Report of Committee adopted.

Document No. 18.

Your Committee on Laws, to whom was referred Document No. 8, have duly considered the same and recommend its adoption.

F. L. BUDLONG,
A. M. BULLOCK,
D. C. WEBBER.

On motion the report of the Committee was adopted.

Upon motion the Grand Lodge adjourned until 8 P. M.

The hour of 8 having arrived, the Grand Lodge was called to order, Grand Master Workman A. E. Woods presiding.

Bro. F. J. Squire, representative from Nelson Lodge No. 10, having arrived, the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred upon him by P. G. M. W. F. L. Budlong in the anti-room, after which he was introduced and took his seat in the Grand Lodge.

Document No. 19.

Moved by Thos. Sharp and seconded by M. Sinclair: That Document No. 10 be reconsidered.

The motion was adopted and Document No. 10 was referred back to the Committee on Laws.

Document No. 20.

Your Committee on Good of the Order, to whom was referred Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (Report of the Committee on Finance) have duly considered the same and recommend their adoption.

J. E. PHILLIPS,
T. W. KERR,
A. J. MACKAY.

The report of the Committee was received and ordered taken up serialim.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We beg to call the attention of this Grand Lodge to the fact that since the Grand Recorder has moved to the city of Victoria, he has provided an office at his own expense. We would therefore recommend that a suitable office (with vault if possible) be provided for the Grand Recorder, at a cost not to exceed \$75.00 per annum. We call particular attention to the condition we would be in if the records should be destroyed.

Clause 1 adopted as amended.

2. We would recommend that a thorough organizer be engaged during the next year to build up the Order, and that legislation be enacted at this session to that end.

Clause 2 adopted.

3. We believe that if radical changes are to be made at any time in conducting the affairs of the Grand Lodge, the change should be made while the affairs in the different departments are in charge of brothers who have in the past, as well as the present time, the entire confidence of this Grand Lodge.

Clause 3 adopted.

4. We therefore recommend that guarantee bonds be required of both the Grand Recorder and Grand Receiver, and that same be paid by the Grand Lodge.

Clause 4 adopted.

5. That the Grand Receiver be required to open an account in some chartered bank (subject to the approval of the Committee on Finance)

in the name of the Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., in which all moneys shall be placed, and that all moneys shall be paid out on cheques, signed by the Grand Receiver and Grand Recorder.

Clause 5 adopted.

The report of the Committee adopted as amended.

Document No. 21.

Your Committee on Laws recommended that the following be added to Sec. 1 of Art. 8, page 70 Subordinate Lodge Constitution :

"Provided that when for good reasons the election of officers is not held on said days, the election may be held at the next regular meeting, if a quorum be present."

F. L. BUDLONG,
A. M. BULLOCK,
D. C. WEBBER.

Received and laid over one sitting.

Document No. 22.

Your Committee on Laws, to whom was referred Suggestions 2 and 3 of Grand Master Workman's report, have considered the same and report favorably.

F. L. BUDLONG,
A. M. BULLOCK,
D. C. WEBBER.

The report was received and ordered taken up seriatim.

2. I beg that the Grand Lodge will consider the advisability of changing the date of our annual session. I am of the opinion that a later date would be preferable.

Upon motion was not adopted.

3. The Klondike gold excitement has added another element of risk in the issuance of Beneficiary Certificates and it may be advisable for you to enact such legislation that will prevent the issuance of certificates to applicants who intend incurring the risk of travel in that country.

Adopted.

The report of the Committee was adopted as amended and instructions given the Committee on Laws to prepare the necessary legislation,

Document No. 23.

Resolved, That minimum charge for degrees in this Order shall be \$2.00 for the Junior Workman Degree, and \$3.00 for the Workman Degree.

J. E. CHURCH,
D. C. WEBBER,
A. M. BULLOCK.

Referred to the Committee on Laws.

Document No. 24.

Your Committee on Laws, to whom was referred back Document No. 10 for reconsideration, beg to report: That in consideration of the further explanation of the Grand Master Workman on the matter, that the decision of the G. M. W. be approved.

F. L. BUDLONG,
A. M. BULLOCK,
D. C. WEBBER.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

Document No. 25.

Resolved, That the incoming G. M. W. be, and is hereby empowered, to appoint a committee, which shall consist of the Grand Recorder, Grand Receiver and the Committee on Finance, which committee is hereby empowered and instructed to obtain from the publishers of some suitable publication the lowest rates for which they will furnish this jurisdiction with 800 copies per month of a British Columbia edition of the paper, and they shall then correspond with the several Subordinate Lodges and endeavor to have them subscribe for sufficient copies to distribute one copy to each member of such lodge, the annual subscription to be based on the rate obtained from such publishers, and if 500 or more subscribers are obtained the committee are hereby empowered to complete these arrangements, and are hereby authorized to expend a sum of not more than \$50.00 in the furtherance of this resolution.

J. E. CHURCH,
J. HILBERT.

The following amendment was moved by R. D. Fetherston, seconded by W. A. DeWolf Smith:

That the question of an official organ be laid over ~~for six months~~.
The amendment was adopted.

Document No. 26.

Resolved, That the first order of business after the opening to-morrow, March 10th, be the election of officers.

F. L. BUDLONG,
D. C. WEBBER,
A. M. BULLOCK.

Adopted.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until Thursday, March 10th, at 9 A. M.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 9 A. M., Grand Master Workman A. E. Woods in the chair.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The minutes of first day's proceedings were read, and upon motion were adopted.

The special order of business was then called up.

The Grand Master Workman appointed as tellers Thos. Sharp and D. Goldberg.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Bro. E. J. Salmon was nominated for the position of Grand Master Workman. Bro. Salmon declined, and placed Bro. A. Stewart in nomination. There being no further nominations, Bro. A. Stewart was declared duly elected Grand Master Workman.

Bro. E. J. Salmon and J. E. Phillips were nominated for Grand Foreman. A ballot was taken resulting in the election of Bro. E. J. Salmon.

Bro. J. E. Phillips was placed in nomination for Grand Overseer, but declined the position. Bros. A. M. Bullock and George Adams were then nominated. The ballot was taken and the result was the election of Bro. A. M. Bullock.

The following were re-elected by acclamation :

J. T. McIlmoyl.....	Grand Recorder.
R. T. Williams.....	Grand Receiver.
W. A. De Wolf Smith.....	Grand Medical Examiner.
J. D. Warren	} Grand Trustees.
George Adams	
J. E. Church.....	

The nominations for Supreme Representatives were F. L. Badlong, A. E. Woods, J. E. Church and J. T. McIlmoyl. The ballot being spread and the following were elected : A. E. Woods, J. E. Church and J. T. McIlmoyl.

Document No. 27.

Your Committee on Laws, to whom was referred Document No. 23, having carefully considered the same, recommend its adoption.

F. L. BUDLONG,
A. M. BULLOCK,
D. C. WEBBER.

The report of the Committee was not adopted.

Document No. 28

We, the undersigned, recommend that Sec. 3, of Art. 2, pages 59-60, Subordinate Lodge Constitution, be changed to read, viz.: "The candidate may be reported on by the Investigating Committee and may be balloted for same night the application is received. If reported favorably by the Committee and ballot, then said candidate be referred to Medical Examiner for examination, etc."

T. W. KERR,
C. A. S. ATWOOD,
GEO. ADAMS,
C. STEERS,
J. E. PHILLIPS.

Referred to Committee on Laws.

Document No. 29.

Your Committee on Laws, to whom was referred Document No. 28, having considered the same recommend its adoption.

F. L. BUDLONG,
A. M. BULLOCK,
D. C. WEBBER.

Report adopted and the Committee instructed to prepare the necessary alteration to the Constitution.

Document No. 30.

Resolved, That Bro. J. T. McIlmoyl be appointed Organizer for this Grand Lodge for the term of one year, and that members of Subordinate Lodges pay fifty cents semi-annually towards the General Fund for defraying the expense of said Organizer.

R. D. FETHERSTON,
A. J. MACKAY.

Referred to Committee on Laws.

Document No. 31.

Your Committee on Laws having considered Document No. 30, recommend that it be not adopted.

F. L. BUDLONG,
A. M. BULLOCK,
D. C. WEBBER.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

Document No. 32.

Your Committee on Laws recommend the following amendment to the Constitution: "It shall be the duty of the Grand Lodge Officers to levy assessments for the Beneficiary Fund, wherever in their judgment it may be necessary.

F. L. BUDLONG,
A. M. BULLOCK,
D. C. WEBBER.

On motion Document 32 was ordered to lie on the table.

Document No. 33.

Resolved, That the Committee on Laws make the necessary amendments to the Beneficiary Rules, so that assessments may be called for when the Grand Lodge Officers may deem necessary.

J. E. CHURCH,
JOHN HILBERT.
A. STEWART,

Referred to Committee on Laws.

Document No. 34.

Whereas, The Classified Assessment System having proved a failure in this jurisdiction, and numbers of the members being dissatisfied and desiring relief ;

Resolved, That we dispense with the Classified Assessment System and re-initiate the Level Assessment Plan.

J. CRITCHLY,
C. BRYANT,
H. McADDIE,
J. HILBERT,
J. BLANEY.

Document 34 was referred to the Committee on Laws.

Document No. 35.

Your Committee on Laws, to whom was referred Document No. 34, have duly considered the same and consider we have no power to act upon it.

F. L. BUDLONG,
A. M. BULLOCK,
D. C. WEBBER.

Upon motion to adopt the report of the Committee, Bro. J. Critchly moved that it be made a special order of business immediately after adjournment. Carried.

Document No. 36.

Resolved, That Sec. 15, Art. 7, page 21, Grand Lodge Constitution, be

amended by eliminating the words from the word "and" in the third line, to the word "otherwise" in the fourth line, inclusive.

W. A. DeWOLF SMITH,
R. D. FETHERSTON,
GEO. ADAMS,
A. E. WOODS,
F. L. BUDLONG.

Referred to the Committee on Laws.

Document No. 37.

Your Committee on Laws, to whom was referred Document 36, have considered the same and recommend its adoption.

The report of Committee on Laws was adopted.

Document No. 38.

Your Committee on Laws, in considering the report on Clause 3, Grand Master Workman's suggestions, would advise that the Grand Master Workman issue a strong circular to Subordinate Lodges urging them to be most careful in considering the applications for membership, in view of many taking insurance before going to Klondike.

F. L. BUDLONG,
A. M. BULLOCK.
D. C. WEBBER,

The report of the Committee on Laws was adopted.

Document No. 32 was called up, and upon motion was ordered to lie on the table.

The Grand Lodge then took recess until 1:30 P. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed business at 1:30 P. M., Grand Master Workman Bro. A. E. Woods in the chair.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The minutes of the morning session was read and adopted.

The special order of business was taken up, viz.: Consideration of Document No. 35, when the Grand Master Workman ruled it out of order.

An appeal was taken and the decision of the chair was sustained by the Grand Lodge.

Document No. 39.

Resolved, That the Per Capita Tax for the incoming year be \$2.50, half to be paid on the first days of July and January, and that an amount equal to fifty cents per member be set aside from said Per Capita Tax for work of building up the membership in this jurisdiction and in the opinion of this Grand Lodge an Assistant Grand Recorder should be appointed so that Bro. McIlmoyl can be sent to the outlying lodges to assist in increasing their membership, and organizing new lodges, should opportunity offer.

R. D. FETHERSTON,
A. J. MACKAY,
D. GOLDBERG,
C. A. S. ATWOOD,
J. E. PHILLIPS.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Document No. 40.

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Document No. 39, beg leave to report that they have duly considered the same and recommend its adoption.

J. E. CHURCH,
A. STEWART,
JOHN HILBERT.

The report of the Committee on Finance was adopted.

Document No. 41.

Resolved, That Sec. 1 of Art. 5, page 66, Subordinate Lodge Constitution, be amended by eliminating the word "one" in third line, and substituting the word "two."

T. W. KERR,
C. STEERS,
J. E. CHURCH,
R. H. BAKER,
R. D. FETHERSTON,

Referred to Committee on Laws,

Document No. 42.

Your Committee on Laws, to whom was referred Document No. 41, have duly considered the same and recommend its adoption.

F. L. BUDLONG,
D. C. WEBBER,
A. M. BULLOCK.

Laid over until next sitting.

Document No. 32 was called up and the following resolution was carried:

Resolved, That Document No. 32 be referred back to the Committee on Laws for reconsideration.

Document No. 43.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to offer the following estimate of expenses of the Grand Lodge for the incoming term:

Salary of Grand Recorder.....	\$ 600 00
Printing and Stationery.....	200 00
Per Capita Tax to Supreme Lodge	90 00
Assistance to Grand Recorder.....	150 00
Office Rent.....	75 00
Session of Grand Lodge, 1899.....	450 00
Expenses of Organizer.....	350 00
Miscellaneous	160 00
	\$2075 00

We would recommend that the Per Capita Tax be placed at \$2.50 per member.

Estimated returns, 700 members at \$2.50, \$1750 00.

J. E. CHURCH,
A. STEWART.
JOHN HILBERT.

Adopted.

Document No. 44.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hold its next session at Victoria, commencing on the second Wednesday in March, 1899.

(Signed) D. C. WEBBER,
W. A. DeWOLF SMITH,
A. M. BULLOCK.

Adopted.

Document No. 45.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn by the Grand Recorder in favor of the Grand Receiver for the sum of \$435.25, the milage and per diem of this Grand Lodge session.

J. E. CHURCH,
A. STEWART.
J. HILBERT.

Committee on Finance.

Adopted.

Document No. 46.

Your Committee on Laws, to whom was referred back Document No. 32 for reconsideration, beg leave to recommend:

That the Beneficiary Laws be amended as follows: That in any year in which the death rate is below eight Classified Assessments, the Grand Lodge executive be empowered to levy in any month in which a regular assessment does not occur, sufficient assessments to make the total number of assessments collected in such year equal to eight Classified Assessments, provided that in such year not more than one assessment shall be collected in any one month. Provided further, that in the event of the death of any member such monies as may remain in this fund as part of assessments paid in by said member shall be refunded to his beneficiary.

F. L. BUDLONG,
A. M. BULLOCK,
D. C. WEBBER.

Adopted.

Document No. 47.

Resolved, That all amendments or changes to the Grand Lodge Constitution be not considered by the present Grand Lodge, unless 30 days notice of said amendments or changes has been given to the Grand Recorder, so that due consideration may be given and a saving of valuable time thereby.

THOS. SHARP,
R. D. FETHERSTON,
M. SINCLAIR,
C. A. S. ATWOOD,
A. STEWART.

Referred to the Committee on Laws.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to meet at 8 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 8 P. M., Grand Master Workman A. E. Woods in the chair.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The minutes of afternoon session read and adopted.

Document No. 48.

Resolved, That an Order be drawn by the Grand Recorder on the Grand Receiver for \$5.00, to be paid to the janitors of this hall.

Adopted.

Document No. 49.

Your Committee on Laws recommend the following amendment to Sec. 1 of Art. 17, page 36, Grand Lodge Constitution, to insert after the word "shall" in fourth line: "Have been placed in the hands of the Grand Recorder at least 60 days prior to the Session of the Grand Lodge, who will send copies of the same to the Subordinate Lodges."

F. L. BUDLONG,

A. M. BULLOCK,

D. C. WEBBER.

Adopted.

The Grand Lodge Officers were then installed by P. G. M. W. Bro. F. L. Budlong, assisted by Brothers Rev. C. Bryant, R. D. Fetherston, C. A. S. Atwood, R. H. Baker and J. Blaney.

Document No. 50.

Amount due the Grand Lodge from the Subordinate Lodges December 25, 1897:

Victoria Lodge No. 1	1	\$ 28 20
Granville	" 2	36 75
Fraser	" 3	28 60
Nanaimo	" 4	18 82
Vancouver	" 5	4 85
Bossland	" 8	10 48
Trail	" 9	20 00
Delta	" 12	27 20
Leiser	" 13	1 88
Vernon	" 16	3 25
Maple Leaf	" 17	11 76
Enderby	" 18	2 21
Kelowna	" 19	6 67

\$200 17

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to call the attention of this Grand Lodge to the above amounts due from Subordinate Lodges and recommend that the Grand Recorder be instructed to notify the different lodges the amounts due must be paid before the 15th of April, 1898.

J. E. CHURCH,
A. STEWART,
JOHN HILBERT.

Adopted.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered the retiring Grand Master Bro. A. E. Woods for his efficient services during his term of office.

J. E. CHURCH,
R. H. BAKER.

Carried.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Grand Recorder, Bro. J. T. McIlmoyl, for his faithful services during the past year.

GEORGE ADAMS,
THOS. SHARP.

Carried by a standing vote.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge tender its thanks to the Grand Receiver, Bro. R. T. Williams, for his faithful services during the past year.

GEO. ADAMS,
THOS. SHARP,

Carried by standing vote.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge is hereby extended to the Committee on Finance for their faithful services during the past year.

F. L. BUDLONG,
D. C. WEBBER,
A. M. BULLOCK.

Carried by standing vote.

Resolved, That a standing vote of thanks be extended to Bro. Geo. Adams for his very efficient services as Assistant Grand Recorder during this session.

A. M. BULLOCK,
WM. SCOWCROFT,
T. W. KERR.

Carried.

Resolved, That a standing vote of thanks be tendered Brothers Baker, Blaney and Steers. Carried.

Moved by Bro. D. C. Webber, and seconded by Bro. R. H. Baker: That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered the Brethren of Nanaimo for use of hall. Carried.

Moved by Bro. A. E. Woods, seconded by Bro. D. C. Webber: That the minutes of the evening session be taken as read. Carried.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to meet in Victoria on the second Wednesday in March, 1899.

J. T. McILMOYL,
Grand Recorder



GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

A. E. Woods, Past Grand Master Workman	Fraser Lodge No. 3		
A. Stewart, Grand Master Workman	Vancouver	"	" 5
E. J. Salmon, Grand Foreman	Western Star	"	" 7
A. M. Bullock, Grand Overseer	Granville	"	" 2
J. T. McIlmoyl, Grand Recorder	Vancouver	"	" 5
R. T. Williams, Grand Receiver	Victoria	"	" 1
W. A. DeWolf Smith, Grand Medical Examiner ...	Fraser	"	" 3

GRAND TRUSTEES.

J. D. Warren.	Geo. Adams.	J. E. Church.
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SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

A. E. Woods.	J. E. Church.	J. T. McIlmoyl.
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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

J. E. Church.	John Hilbert.	Wm. Scowcroft.
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COMMITTEE ON LAWS.

H. Hoy.	D. C. Webber.	R. D. Fetherston.
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IN MEMORIAM.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS,
December 30th, 1896,
Vancouver Lodge No. 5, Victoria.

ANDREW LAING,
January 9th, 1897,
Victoria Lodge No. 1, Victoria.

EDWIN FIELD,
February 7th, 1897,
Victoria Lodge No. 1, Victoria.

EDWARD DRISCOLL,
May 7th, 1897,
Vernon Lodge No. 16, Vernon.

HENRY V. EDMONDS,
June 11th, 1897,
Fraser Lodge No. 3, New Westminster.

M. M. ENGLISH,
June 25th, 1897,
Fraser Lodge No. 3, New Westminster.

IN MEMORIAM.



M. D. GLEASON,
August 26th, 1897,
Vancouver Lodge No. 5, Victoria.

CHARLES A. CALDWELL,
September 10th, 1897,
Granville Lodge No. 2, Vancouver.

WILLIAM BERRIDGE,
September 11th, 1897,
Sullivan Lodge No. 6, Victoria.

L. L. ERB,
October 8th, 1897,
Victoria Lodge No. 1, Victoria.

J. F. WATERS,
October 24th, 1897,
Rossland Lodge No. 8, Rossland.

